The Several

DECLARATIONS,

Together with the Several

DEPOSITIONS

Made in

COUNCIL

On *Monday Oct.* 22. 1688.

Concerning the

BIRTH

OF THE

Prince of *Wales.*

N. B. *Those Mark'd with this Mark* * *were* Roman Catholicks.

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AT THE COUNCIL-CHAMBER IN WHITEHAL,

Monday Oct. 22. 1688.

This Day an Extraordinary Council met, where were likewise present, by his Majesty's Desire and Appointment, Her Majesty the Queen Dowager, and such of the Peers of this Kingdom, both Spiritual and Temporal, as were in Town. And also the Lord Mayor and Aldermen of the City of London; *the Judges, and several of Their Majesties Council Learn'd, hereafter Named.*

The King's most Excellent Majesty.

Her Majesty the Queen Dowager, *in a Chair placed on the King's Right hand*

His R. H. Prince *George* of *Denm.*
Lord Chancellor,
Lord President,
Lord Privy Seal,
Duke of *Hamilton*
Ld. Chamberlain,
Earl of *Oxford*,
E. of *Huntingdon*,
Earl of *Peterborow*
Earl of *Craven*,
Earl of *Berkeley*,
Earl of *Rochester*,
Earl of *Mar*,

Earl of *Middleton*,
Earl of *Melfort*,
Earl of *Caſtlemain*
Viſcount *Preſton*,
Lord *Bellaſyſe*,
Lord *Godolphin*,
Lord *Dover*,
Mr. Chancellor of the Exchequer,
Maſter of the *Rolls*
L. C. Juſt. *Herbert*,
Sir *Tho. Strickland*
Sir *Nicolas Butler*,
Mr. *Titus*,
Ld. A. B. of *Cant.*
Duke of *Norfolk*,
Duke of *Grafton*,
D. of *Northumb.*
Duke of *Ormond*,
Marq. of *Hallifax*
Earl of *Pembroke*,
Earl of *Salisbury*,
Earl of *Clarendon*,

Earl of *Cardigan*,
Earl of *Ailesbury*,
Earl of *Burlington*
Earl of *Litchfield*,
Earl of *Feverſham*,
E. of *Nottingham*,
Viſcount *Newport*
Viſc. *Weymouth*,
Biſhop of *London*,
Bp. of *Winchester*,
Bp. of *Rocheſter*,
Biſhop of *Cheſter*,
Bp. of St. *Davids*,
Lord *North*,
Lord *Chandois*,
Lord *Montague*,
Lord *Herbert* of *Cherbury*,
Lord *Vaughan* Earl of *Carbery*,
Lord *Colepeper*,
Lord *Churchill*,
Lord *Waldegrave*,

Ld. Mayor and Aldermen of *London*,

Sir *Rob. Wright*, Lord Chief Juſtice of the Kings Bench,

Sir *Tho. Powell*, Sir *Rob. Baldock*, } Juſtices of the Kings Bench,

Sir *Thomas Street*, Sir *Edw. Lutwych*, Sir *Thomas Jennour*, } Juſtices of the Common Pleas.

Sir *Richard Heath*, Sir *Charles Ingleby*, Sir *John Rotheram*, } Barons of the Exchequer.

Sir

Sir *John Maynard*, } His Majesties
Sir *John Holt*, } Serjeants at
Sir *Ambr. Phillips*, } Law.
Sir *Tho. Powis*, Attorney General,
Sir *Wi. Williams*, Solicitor General,
Sir *James Boteler*,
Mr. *North*, the Queens Attorney,
Mr. *Montague*, the Queens Solicitor,
Sir *Charles Porter*.

To whom his Majesty spake to this effect.

My Lords,

I Have called you together upon a very extraordinary Occasion; but extraordinary Diseases must have extraordinary Remedies. The malicious Endeavours of my Enemies have so poisoned the Minds of some of my Subjects, that by the Reports I have from all hands, I have reason to believe, that very many do not think this Son, with which God hath blessed me, to be mine, but a suppoled Child. But I may say, that, by particular Providence, scarce any Prince was ever born where there were so many Persons present.

I have taken this time to have the Matter heard and examined here, expecting that the Prince of *Orange*, with the first Eastwardly Wind, will invade this Kingdom: And as I have often ventur'd my Life for the Nation before I came to the Crown, so I think my self more obliged to do the same now I am KING; and

do intend to go in Person against him, whereby I may be exposed to Accidents, and therefore I thought it necessary to have this now done, in order to satisfie the Minds of my Subjects, and to prevent this Kingdom's being engaged in Blood and Confusion after my Death; desiring to do always what may contribute most to the Ease and Quiet of my Subjects, which I have shewed by securing to them their *Liberty of Conscience*, and the Enjoyment of their Properties, which I shall always preserve.

I have desired the Queen Dowager to give her self the trouble to come hither, to declare what she knows of the Birth of my Son, and most of the Ladies, Lords and other Persons who were present, are ready here to Depose upon Oath their Knowledge of the Matter.

Whereupon the Queen Dowager was pleased to say;

THAT when the King sent for her to the Queens Labour, she came as soon as she could, and never stir'd from her till she was deliver'd of the Prince of *Wales*.

Catherina R.

And the following Depositions were all taken upon Oath.

Elizabeth, *Lady Marchioness of* Powis, *Deposeth*,

That

THat about the 29th of *December* last, the Queen was likely to miscarry; whereupon she immediatly went unto her and offer'd her some effectual Remedies, which are made use of on the like Occasion; which the Queen order'd this Deponent to acquaint the Doctors with. The day following the Queen *Dowager* sent this Deponent to see how the Queen did; who reply'd, *She had a pretty good Night, and did think she had quickned, but would not be positive till she felt it again.* That after this the Deponent did frequently wait on the Queen in the Morning, and did see her shift her several days, and generally saw the Milk, and sometimes Wet upon her Smock. That some time after this Deponent went into the Country, and came not up till a few days before the Queen was brought to Bed; and from the time of this Deponents Return, she saw the Queen every day till she was brought to bed, and was in the Room a quarter of an hour before, and at the time of her Delivery of the Prince by Mrs. *Wilks*, her Majesties Midwife, which this Deponent saw, and immediately went with the Prince, carry'd by Mrs. *Delabadie* into the Queens little Bed-chamber, where she saw Sir *Tho. Witherly* sent for by the Midwife, who gave the

Child three Drops of ſomething which came into the World with him, which this Deponent ſaw done; And this Deponent doth aver this Prince to be the ſame Child which was then born, and that ſhe has never been from him one Day ſince. * *Eliza. Powis.*

Anne *Counteſs of* Aran, *Depoſeth*,

THat ſhe went to the Queen from *Whitehal* to St. *James*'s as ſoon as ſhe heard that her Majeſty was in Labour; when ſhe came, ſhe found the Queen in Bed, complaining of little Pains; the Lady *Sunderland*, Lady *Roſcommon*, Mrs. *Labadie*, and the Midwife, were on that ſide the Bed where the Queen lay; and this Deponent, with a great many others ſtood on the other ſide till the Queen was deliver'd; as ſoon as her Majeſty was deliver'd, ſhe ſaid, *O Lord, I dont hear the Child cry*, and immediately upon that, this Deponent did hear it cry, and ſaw the Midwife take the Child out of the Bed, and give it to Mrs. *Labadie*, who carry'd it into the little Bed-chamber, where ſhe, this Deponent, follow'd her, and ſaw that it was a Son; and that likewiſe ſhe, the Deponent, hath ſeveral times ſeen Milk run out upon the Queen's Smock, during her being with Child.

A. Aran.

Penelope

Penelope *Countess of* Peterborow, *Deposeth*,

THat she was often with the Queen while her Majesty was last with Child, and saw the Milk often upon her Majesty's Smock, when she, the Deponent took it off from the Queen, and often saw her Majesties Belly so as it could not be otherwise but that she was with Child. That the said Deponent stood by the Bed-side on the 10th of *June* last in the Morning, while the Queen was deliver'd of the Prince of *Wales*.

P. Peterborow.

Anne *Countess of* Sunderland, *Deposeth*,

THat *June* 10. 1688, being *Trinity Sunday*, the Deponent went to St. *James's* Chapel at eight of the Clock in the Morning, intending to receive the Sacrament; but in the beginning of the Communion Service, the Man which looks to the Chapel came to the Deponent, and told her *She must come to the Queen*; the Deponent said, *She would as soon as Prayers were done.* In a very little time after, another Man came up to the Altar to the Deponent, and said, *The Queen was in Labour, and the Deponent must come to her Majesty*; who then went directly to the Queens Bed chamber. As soon as the Deponent came in, her Majesty told her, this Deponent, *She believed she*

was in Labour. By this time the Bed was warmed, and the Queen went into Bed, and the King came in. The Queen asked the King, *if he had sent for the Queen Dowager?* He said, *he had sent for every Body.* The said Deponent stood at the Queen's Boulster, the Lady *Roscommon*, Mrs. *Delabadie*, and the Midwife on that side of the Bed, where the Queen was Delivered. After some lingring Pains, the Queen said, *She feared she should not be brought to Bed a good while*; but enquiring of the Midwife, she assured her Majesty, that *she wanted only one thorow Pain to bring the Child into the World*; upon which the Queen said, *It is impossible, the Child lies so high*; and commanded this Deponent to lay her Hand on her Majesty's Belly, to feel how high the Child lay, which the Deponent did; but soon after a great Pain came on at past Nine of the Glock, and the Queen was delivered; which the Midwife by pulling the Deponent by the Coat, assured her was a Son, it being the Sign she told the Deponent she would give her, the Queen having charged her not to let her Majesty know presently, whether it was a Son or Daughter. As soon as the Midwife, had given the Deponent the Sign, the Deponent made a Sign to the King that it was

a Son, When the Midwife had done her Office, she gave the Child to Mrs. *Delabadie*, which was a Son, and she carried it into the little Bed-chamber. *A. Sunderland.*

Isabella *Countess of* Roscommon *Deposeth.*

THAT on the 10th of of *June* last, she stood by the Lady *Sunderland* in the Queen's Bed-chamber, while the Queen was in Labour, and saw the Prince of *Wales*, when he was taken out of the Bed by the Midwife. *I. Roscommon.*

Margaret *Countess of* Fingall *Deposeth*, THAT she waited on the Queen *Dowager* her Mistress into the Queen's Bed-chamber at St. *James's*, when the Queen was in Labour, and stood by the Bed's Feet, when her Majesty was Delivered of the Prince. That the Deponent saw the Prince carried away into another Room, and soon after follow'd, and saw him in that Room. ** Marg. Fingall.*

Lady Sophia Bulkeley *Deposeth*, THAT she was sent for on *Trinity-Sunday* last past about Eight a Clock in the Morning to go to St. *James's*; for the Man that came, said, *The Queen was in Labour, and he and others were sent to call every Body.* That this Deponent made as much haste as she could to rise and be dress'd, but did not get to the Queen's

Queen's Bed-chamber until a little after Nine a Clock, and then this Deponent found the Queen in her Bed, and the Queen *Dowager* there ſat upon a Stool, and ſome of the Ladies about her. After this Deponent having ſtaid a little while, and thinking the Queen in no ſtrong Pain, ſhe, this Deponent, went out, and being next to the Room where the Queen's Linen was a warming, heard a Noiſe, and look'd to ſee what was the matter, and finding no Body there, this Deponent ran and found the Lord *Feverſham* in the Queen's little Bed-chamber, who told this Deponent the Child was juſt born; this Deponent ask'd him, *What is it?* his Lordſhip ſaid, *He could not tell.* So this Deponent ran on to the Queen's Bed-ſide, and heard the Queen ſay to the Midwife, *Pray Mrs.* Wilks *dont part the Child* (which ſignifies, *don't cut the Navel-String, until the after-Birth is come away.*) And while the Queen was with Child, this Deponent had heard her Majeſty command her Midwife not to do otherwiſe, it being counted much the ſafeſt way; but to what the Queen ſaid juſt then (to the beſt of this Deponent's Remembrance) Mrs. *Wilks* replied, *Pray Madam, give me leave, for I will do nothing, but what will be ſafe for your*

ſelf

ſelf and Child; the Queen anſwered, *Do then*, and then cry'd, *Where is the King gone?* His Majeſty came immediately from the other ſide of the Bed (from juſt having a ſight of the Child) and anſwered the Queen, *Here I am*; the Queen ſaid, *Why do you leave me now?* The King kneeled on the Bed, on that ſide where the Deponent ſtood, and a little after the Midwife ſaid, *All is now come ſafe away*, upon that the King roſe from the Bed, and ſaid, *Pray my Lords, come and ſee the Child*; The King follow'd Mrs. *Labadie*, and the Lords his Majeſty, into the little Bed-chamber, where this Deponent follow'd alſo, and ſaw as well as they, that it was a Prince, and that Mrs. *Wilks* was in the right to deſire to part the Child, for the Prince's Face, eſpecially his Forehead, was blackiſh, being ſtunn'd, as I have ſeen ſome other Children, when they have been juſt newly come into the World; but God be thanked, in two Hours time that he was dreſs'd and waſh'd (which the Deponent ſtaid by and ſaw done) the Prince look'd very freſh and well. This Deponent doth further add, That all the while the Queen was with Child, this Deponent had the Honour to pay her Duty very often Mornings and Nights, in waiting upon

upon her Majesty in her Dressing-Room and Bed-Chamber; and for the last three or four Months, this Deponent hath oftentimes seen the Queen's Milk, as well as when this Deponent hath had the Honour to put on her Majesty's Smock.

* *S. Bulkely.*

Susanna *Lady* Bellasyse *Deposeth*,

THAT on *Trinity-Sunday* the 10th of *June* last, the Deponent's Servant seeing the *Queen Dowager*'s Coaches in St. *James*'s at an unusual Hour, went and asked the Occasion, and was told the Queen was in Labour; whereupon he came into the Deponent's Chamber, and awaked her; that the Queen having come to lodge at St. *James*'s but the Night before, they being in a great Hurry, forgot to call the Deponent, as her Majesty had ordered; that the Deponent made all the Haste she could into her Majesty's Bed-chamber, and found the Queen in Bed, and Mrs. *Wilks*, her Majesty's Midwife, sitting by the Bedside, with her Hands in the Queen's Bed; the Queen asked her, the said Midwife, *What she thought?* Mrs. *Wilks* assur'd her Majesty, *That at the next great Pain the Child would be born*; whereupon the King ordered the Privy-Councellours to be called in; that this Deponent stood behind the Midwife's

Midwife's Chair, and immediately after the Queen's having another great Pain, the Prince was born; that this Deponent saw the Child taken out of the Bed with the Navel-string hanging to its Belly; that this Deponent opened the Receiver, and saw it was a Son, and not hearing the Child cry, and seeing it a little black, she was afraid it was in a Convulsion Fit. *S. Bellasyse.*

Henrietta *Lady* Waldgrave *deposeth*,

THat she was in the Queen's Bed-chamber a quarter of an Hour before her Majesty was delivered, and standing by the Bedside, she saw the Queen in Labour, and heard her cry out much. * *Henrietta Waldgrave.*

Mrs. Mary Crane, *one of the Gentlewomen of the Bed-chamber to the Queen* Dowager, *deposeth*,

THat she went with the Queen *Dowager* to the Queen's Labour on the 10th of *June* last, and never stirred out of the Room till the Queen was delivered. That this Deponent did not follow the Child when it was first carried out of the Room, but staid in the Bed-chamber, and saw all that was to be seen after the Birth of a Child. That she, the Deponent, then went to see the Prince, and found him look ill, and immediately went to the King, and told his Majesty, *She feared the Child*

was

was sick; that his Majesty went immediately to the Prince, and came back and said, *It was a Mistake, the Child was very well.* * *Mary Crane.*

Dame Isabella Wentworth, *one of the Gentlewomen of the Bed-chamber to the Queen, deposeth,*

THat she often saw the Milk of her Majesty's Breast upon her Smock, at which the Queen was troubled, it being a common Saying, that it was Sign the Child would not live; and that she, the Deponent, did once feel the Child stir in the Queen's Belly while her Majesty was in Bed, and that she was present when the Child was born, and staid till she heard it cry, and then went to fetch Vinegar for the Queen to smell to; she, the Deponent, heard the Queen command the Midwife not to tell her of what Sex it was, for fear of surprizing her Majesty: When the Deponent brought the Vinegar, she did desire to see the Child, Mrs. *Delabadie* having it in her Arms. The Child looked black, whereupon the Deponent desired Doctor *Waldegrave* to look to it, believing it was not well; that the Deponent saw the Navel-string of the Child cut, and three Drops of the Blood, which came fresh out, given to him for the Convulsion Fits. *Isabella Wentworth.*

Dame

Dame Catherine Sayer, *one of the Gentlewomen of the Bed-chamber to the Queen* Dowager, *Depoſeth*,

THat ſhe waited on the Queen *Dowager* to the Queen's Labour, and was all the time by the Bed-ſide, and ſtood there till the Queen was delivered, and follow'd the Child, when it was carried by Mrs. *Delabadie* to the little Bed-chamber, and took a warm Napkin and laid it on the Child's Breaſt, believing the Child was not well.

Catherina Sayer.

Dame Iſabella Waldegrave, *one of the Gentlewomen to the Bed-chamber to the Queen, Depoſeth*,

THat ſhe was conſtantly with the Queen, her Majeſty was likely to miſcarry, and had often ſeen Milk in her Majeſty's Breaſts, and was with the Queen at the time of her Labour with the Prince, and ſaw the Prince taken out of the Bed, and went after Mrs. *Delabadie* with the Prince in her Arms into the little Bed-chamber, and was by when the Child was ſhewn to the King that it was a Son; and this Deponent took the After-burden, and put it into a Baſon of Water, and carried it into the Queen's Cloſet.

Iſabella Waldegrave

Mrs. Margaret Dawlon, *one of the Gentlewomen of the Bed-chamber to the Queen, deposeth,*

THat on the tenth of *June* last, in the the Morning, she was sent for by the Queen out of St. *James's* Chappel, where she was at Prayers, and that coming up into the Queen's Chamber, she found her sitting all alone upon a Stool by the Bed's-head, when the Queen said to her, this Deponent, *she believed her self in Labour*, and bid her, the Deponent, *Get the Pallate-Bed which stood in the next Room, to be made ready quickly for her*; but that Bed having never been aired, the Deponent perswaded the Queen not to make use of it; after which the Queen bid the Deponent, *Make ready the Bed she came out of*, which was done accordingly. The Deponent further saith, *That she saw Fire carried into the Queen's Room in a Warming-Pan to warm the Bed*, after which the Queen went into her Bed, and that the Deponent stirred not from the Queen until her Majesty was delivered of a Son. That she, this Deponent, well remembers, that on the 29th of *December* last, her Majesty was afraid of Miscarrying, which was about the time she quickned; and that after the Queen had gone 22 Weeks with Child, her Majesty's

Milk

Milk began to run, which she the Deponent often saw upon her Smock, and that the 9th of *May* her Majesty apprehended miscarrying again with a Fright.

Margaret Dawson.

Mrs. Elizabeth Bromley, *one of the Gentlewomen of the Bed chamber to the Queen, deposeth,*

THat she was sick all Winter, till a little before *Easter* last, when she the Deponent came into Waiting; that from that time till the Queen was brought to Bed, she the Deponent saw the Queen put on her Smock every Morning, by which means she saw the Milk constantly fall out of her Majesty's Breasts, and observed the Bigness of her Majesty's Belly, which could not be counterfeit. That the Deponent came from *White-hall* to the Queen's Labour to St. *James*'s the tenth of *June* last, and remained in the Room till the Queen was delivered and afterwards; but did not follow the Child till some time after, when she the Deponent went to see what colour'd Eyes he had.

Elizabeth Bromley.

Mrs. Peregrina Turini, *one of the Gentlewomen of the Bed-chamber to the Queen, deposeth,*

THat she constantly attended the Queen when she was last with

Child, and that on the tenth of *June* last she was in Waiting on her Majesty, who called her on the said tenth of of *June* in the Morning, and told her, the Deponent, *She was in Pain*, and bid her send for the Midwife, her Ladies and Servants, after which the Deponent staid with the Queen during her Labour, and until she was delivered of the Prince of *Wales*.

* The Mark of *Peregrina Turini*.

Mrs. Anna Cary, *one of the Gentlewomen of the Bed-chamber to the* Queen Dowager, *deposeth*,

THat she waited on the *Queen Dowager* from *Somerset-house* to St. *James's*, the Day the Queen was brought to Bed, and went into the Queen's Bed-chamber, where she this Deponent stay'd, till the Queen was deliver'd, and saw the Prince as soon as he was born.

* *Anna Cary.*

Mrs. Mary Anne Delabadie, *Dry-Nurse to the Prince*, *deposeth*,

THat she was with the Queen all the time her Majesty was with Child, and dress'd her every Day, and in all the nine Months did not miss above six Days, and that at several Times by reason of Sickness. That on *Sunday* Morning the tenth of *June* last, she the Deponent was sent for to the Queen, who was in

Labour;

Labour; that the Deponent came presently, and was with the Queen all the time of her Labour, and that kneeling down by the Midwife, giving her Cloaths for the Queen, the Midwife told this Deponent, *that immediately on the next Pain, the Queen would be delivered*, which accordingly she was; that this Deponent whisper'd to the Midwife, asking *Whether it was a Girl?* she answer'd *No*; whereupon the Midwife parted the Child, and put it into the Receiver that the Deponent had given her, and then delivered the Child to the Deponent, and bid her *Go and carry it to the Fire, and take care of the Navel*, which this Deponent did, and the King and Council follow'd her, and the King asked this Deponent, *What it was?* who answered, *What he desired*; the King replied, *But let me see*, whereupon the Deponent presently shewed his Majesty that it was a Son, and the Privy Counsellors then present saw it one after another. The Deponent sat with the Prince in her Lap, till the Midwife had done with the Queen; then the Midwife came and took the Prince from this Deponent, and asked for a Spoon for to give it 3 Drops of the Blood of the Navel-string, which the Midwife cut off by the Advice of the Physicians,

who said, *It was good against Fits.* That the Deponent held the Spoon when the Midwife drop'd the Blood into it, and stir'd it with a little Black Cherry Water, and then it was given to the Prince; that the Queen sent for this Deponent, and gave her the Prince to take care of him in quality of Dry-Nurse, which she has hitherto done; and further deposeth it to be same Child that was born of the Queen; and that Mrs. *Danver's*, one of the Princess of *Denmark's* Women, and formerly Nurse to the Lady *Isabella*, coming to see the Prince, she told this Deponent, *She was glad to see the same Marks upon his Eye, as the Queen's former Children had.*

* *Mary Anne Delabadie.*

Mrs. Judith Wilks *deposeth*,

THat being the Queen's Midwife, she came often to her, especially when her Majesty was in any Danger of miscarrying, and many times felt the Child stir in her Belly, and saw the Milk run out of her Majesty's Breasts; that on *Trinity Sunday* last in the Morning about eight of the Clock, the Queen sent Mr. *White*, Page of the Back-stairs, to call her this Deponent, believing her self in Labour; when the Deponent came, she found the Queen in great Pain and Trembling; the Queen told

told her, *she feared it was her Labour, it being near the time of her first Reckoning*, she the Deponent desired her Majesty not to be afraid, saying, *She did not doubt but that it was her full Time, and hoped her Majesty would have as good Labour as she always had*; and whilst her Majesty was sitting trembling, her Water broke, and immediately she sent for the King, he being gone to his own side, and let him know in what Condition she was, and desired him to send for whom he pleased to be present; the Queen order'd this Deponent to send for Mrs. *Dawson* and the rest of her Women; Mrs. *Dawson* came presently, and the Countess of *Sunderland* with her, and the rest of the Women also; that most of them saw her, this Deponent, make the Bed fit for the Queen to be delivered in; which when it was ready her Majesty was put into, and about ten a Clock that Morning, the Queen was delivered of the Prince of *Wales* by her this Deponent's Assistance; and afterwards she the Deponent shewed the After-burthen to the Physicians, and before them the Deponent cut the Navel-string, and gave the Prince three Drops of his Blood, to prevent Convulsion Fits, according to their Order. And this Deponent further saith, *That when*

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the Child was born, it not crying, the Queen said, She thought it was dead; this Deponent assured her Majesty it was not, and desired leave to part the Child from the After-burthen; which the Queen was unwilling to have done, thinking it might be dangerous to her self; but the Deponent assuring her Majesty it would not, her Majesty gave Consent; whereupon the Child presently cried, and then the Deponent gave it to Mrs. *Labadie*.

* *Judith Wilkes*, *Mrs.* Elizabeth Pearse; *Laundress to the Queen, deposeth*,

THat about nine of the Clock on the tenth of *June* last in the Morning, she came into the Bed-chamber, and heard the Queen cry out, being in great Pain, in which she continued until her Delivery; after which she the Deponent saw the Prince of *Wales* given by the Midwife to Mrs. *Labadie*; that immediately after the Deponent saw the Midwife hold up the After-burthen, shewing it to the Company, and then the Deponent fetch'd her Maids, and with them took away all the foul Linen hot as they came from the Queen; that for a Month after her Majesty's Lying in, the Deponent well knows by the washing of her Linen, that the Queen was in the same Condition that all other

Women

Women use to be on the like Occasion; and that some time after her quickning, it appeared by her Smocks, that her Majesty had Milk in her Breasts, which continued until she was brought to bed, and afterwards during the usual Time.

Elizabeth Pourse.

Frances, *Dutchess of* Richmond *and* Lenox, *deposeth,*

THat she the Deponent was not at the Queen's Labour, because she did not know it time enough, but as soon as she did, she made all the Haste she could to dress her; but the Queen was delivered before she the Deponent came; and that at a Time when the Queen apprehended she should miscarry, and the Physicians made her Majesty keep her Bed for that Reason; the Deponent went one Evening to wait upon her Majesty, and as she stood by her Bed-side, her Majesty said to her, *My Milk is now very troublesome, it runs out so much.* The Deponent asked the Queen, *If it used to do so?* who answered, *It used to run out a little, but now the Fright I am in of miscarrying, makes it run out very much, as you may see;* throwing down the Bed-cloaths to the middle of her Stomach, and shewing her Smock upon her Breasts to the said Depo-

vent, which was very wet with her Milk.

Richmond and *Lenox*.

Charlotte, *Countess of* Litchfield, *deposeth*,

THat she was not at the Queen's Labour (being in Child-bed her self) but that she was almost constantly with the Queen, while she was with Child, and hath put on her Smock, and seen the Milk run out of her Breasts, and felt her Belly; so that she is sure she could not be deceived, but that the Queen was with Child.

C. Litchfield.

Anne *Countess of* Marischal, *deposeth*,

THat she was several times in the Queen's Bedchamber when she shifted her self, and hath seen her Smock stain'd with her Milk; that she was not at the Queen's Labour, tho' sent to by one of her Ladies, being sick of a Fever; but does in her Conscience believe her Majesty was with Child, both by her Belly and her Milk.

A. Marischal.

George *Lord* Jefferys, *Lord Chancellour of* England, *deposeth*,

THat he being sent for to St. *James's* on the tenth of *June* last by a Messenger that left Word the Queen was in Labour; soon after he, this Deponent, came to St. *James's*, and was sent for to the Queen's Bed-chamber, and to the best of his, the Deponent's Apprehen-

sion

sion, the Queen was in Labour, and had a Pain or two to the best of the Deponent's Remembrance, before the rest of the Lords were called in. The Deponent stood all the time at the Queen's Bedside, and heard her cry out several times as Women in Travail use to do, and at length, after a long Pain, it was by some of the Women, on the other side of the Bed, said, *The Child was born.* The Deponent heard the Queen say, *She did not hear it cry.* The Deponent immediately ask'd the Lord President, *What it was?* he whispered, *That it was a Boy*, which the Deponent understood he had hinted to him by the Lady *Sunderland.* Immediately the Deponent saw a Gentlewoman, who he hath since heard her Name to be *Mrs. Labadie*, carry the Child into another Room: whither the Deponent followed, and saw the Child when she first opened it, and saw it was black and reeking, so that it plainly seemed to this Deponent to have been newly come from the Womb. The Deponent doth therefore depose, he doth steadfastly believe the Queen was delivered of that Child that very Morning.

Jeffreys C.

Robert *Earl* of Sunderland, *Lord President of his Majesty's Privy Council, and Principal Secretary of State, deposeth,*

THat on *Sunday* Morning the tenth of *June* last, he was sent to, to come to St. *James's*, the Queen being in Labour. The Deponent immediately went, and found many of the Lords of the Council there. After having been some time in an outward Room, first the Lord Chancellour, and then the rest of the Council were called into the Queen's Bed-chamber, where in a short time her Majesty was brought to Bed. The Deponent saw Mrs. *Labadie* carry the Child into the next Room, whither the Deponent followed, with many more, and saw it was a Son, and had the Marks of being new born. *Sunderland* P.

Henry *Lord* Arundel *of* Wardour, *Lord Privy Seal, deposeth,*

THat on the 10th of *June* last, being *Sunday*, he had Notice given him that the Queen was in Labour; whereupon the Deponent repaired to St. *James's* between Nine and Ten of the Clock in the Morning, where he found several Lords of the Council; in a little time after they were all called into the Queen's Bedchamber; in less than a quarter of an Hour after, she fell

fell into the ſharpneſs of her Labour; her Cries were ſo vehement, and eſpecially the laſt, that the Deponent could not forbid himſelf the being concern'd for her great Pain; which the Deponent expreſſing to the Lord Chancellour, he told the Deponent *It was a Sign her Majeſty would the ſooner be delivered*, or Words to that Purpoſe, which proved very true, for preſently after ſhe was ſo; the Deponent heard a Whiſpering up and down that it was a Prince, for no Man was permitted to ſpeak it aloud, leſt the ſudden Knowledge of it might have diſcompoſed the Queen; the Deponent did not go in with ſome Lords when the Child was carry'd into the next Room, which was the Occaſion the Deponent did not ſee him when he was uncovered and dreſs'd.

* *Arundel.* C. P. S. John *Earl of* Mulgrave, *Lord Chamberlain of his Majeſty's Houſhold, ſaith*, It is not to be expected one of his Sex ſhould be able to give full Evidence in ſuch a Matter, *but deposeth*,

That he was juſt at the Bed's feet, and heard the Queen cry very much, then the Deponent followed the Child into the other Room, and it ſeemed a little black; the Deponent alſo ſaw it was a Boy.

Mulgrave.

William *Earl of* Craven, *deposeth*,

That he attending the King at St. *James's*, the 10th of *June* last, in the Morning, to receive the Word of his Majesty; the King had Notice brought him, that the Queen was upon the Point of falling into Labour, upon which the King commanded the Deponent's Stay and Attendance; and after the Space of one Hour and something more, this Deponent was, with some other Lords of his Majesty's Privy Council, called into the Queen's Great Bed-chamber to be present at her Delivery, and as near as this Deponent can remember, the Queen made three Groans or Squeeks, and at the last of the three was delivered of a Child, the which was carry'd out into the little Bed-chamber; and there by the Fire this Deponent saw it cleansing: And this Deponent further saith, That he took that particular Mark of this Child, that he may safely swear, that the Prince of *Wales* is that very Child that then was so brought out of the Queen's Great Bed-chamber, where this Deponent and others were present, as aforesaid, at her Majesty's Labour and Delivery.

Craven.

Lewis *Earl of* Feversham, *Lord Chamberlain to her Majesty the Queen Dowager, deposeth*,

That

That being in Bed upon the 10th of *June* between 8 and 9 a Clock in the Morning, Mr. *Nicholas*, one of his Majesty's Grooms of his Bed-chamber, came into this Deponent's Room, and told him, *That the King had sent him to tell the Queen* Dowager, *that the Queen was in Labour*, and told him further, *That the Queen* Dowager *had given Order for her Coach, as soon as she heard the News of the Queen's Labour.* The Deponent dressed himself with all Speed, and came to wait upon the Queen *Dowager*, who was ready to go into her Coach, as she did; the Deponent went into one of her Coaches to wait upon her Majesty as he us'd to do, having the Honour to be her Lord Chamberlain; we went to St. *James's*, and then led her Majesty into the Queen's Bed-chamber, and finding the Queen in Pain, the Deponent went into the next Rooom, where were several Lords of the Privy Council, from whence the Deponent heard the Queen cry out several times, and a very little after the Lords of the Council were called in, and the Deponent followed them into the Bed-chamber, and a very little after the Queen cry'd louder, and then said, *Pray do not tell me what it is yet.* The Deponent went out of the Room to

tell the News that the Queen was brought to Bed; and when the Deponent came in again, the News was, that it was a Prince; and immediately the Deponent saw Mrs. *Labadie* with the Child wrap'd up in her Arms, and in the Crowd; upon which the Deponent desired to make room for the Prince, and followed her into the little Bed-chamber, where the Deponent saw the Prince was a Child newly born, as he believed *Feversham.*

Alexander *Earl of* Morray, *deposeth*,

THat he came not to St. *James*'s till half an Hour after the Queen was brought to Bed, and only heard that her Majesty was brought to Bed of a Prince, which the Deponent verily believes, as he is alive, she brought into the World that very Morning, being the 10th of *June* last, 1688. * *Morray.*

Charles *Earl of* Middleton, *one of his Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, deposeth*,

THat the 10th of *June* last past, betwixt 8 and 9 of the Clock in the Morning, he had Notice that the Queen's Majesty was in Labour, whereupon the Deponent made what Haste he could to St. *James*'s; the Deponent found the Earl of *Craven* waiting at the Queen's Bed-chamber

chamber Door towards the Drawing-room, which was then shut; just after the King opened it, and called the Earl of *Craven* and the Deponent in; the Deponent asked his Majesty, how the Queen was? He was pleased to answer the Deponent, *You are a married Man and so may know these Matters; the Water is broke or come away*, or to that Effect; and then bid the Deponent go into the Dressing-room within the Bed-chamber, where the Deponent found several Persons of Quality; above half an Hour after, to the best of this Deponent's Memory, all the Company in that Room were called into the Bed-chamber; the Deponent stood near the Bed's-feet on the left Side, where he heard the Queen's Groans, and presently after several loud Shrieks; the last, the Deponent remembers continued so long, that he then wondered how any Body could hold their Breath so long; presently after, the Deponent heard them say, *The Queen was delivered*: Whereupon the Deponent stepped up to the Bed-side, and saw a Woman, he supposes, the Midwife, kneeling at the other side of the Bed, who had her Hands and Arms within the Bed-cloaths for a pretty while; then the Deponent saw her spread a Cloth

upon

upon her Lap, and laid the End of it over the Bedcloaths, and then fetch a Child (as the Deponent firmly believes, for he could not then see it) out of the Bed into that Cloth, and give it to Mrs. *Labadie*, who brought it round to the side where the Deponent stood, and carry'd it into a little Room, into which the Deponent immediately followed the King, and saw her sit down by the Fire, and heard her say, *It is a Boy*: upon which the King said, *Let me see it*; thereupon she laid open the Cloth, and shewed all the Child, saying, *There's what you wish to see*: The Deponent doth not charge his Memory with the very Words, but the Sense of what he heard. The Deponent looked upon the Child at the same time, which appeared to be very foul. This Deponent desireth Pardon if he doth not know the proper Expression, but hopes his Meaning is plain.

Middleton.

John *Earl of* Melfort, *deposeth*;

THat on *Sunday* the 10th of *June* last, betwixt 8 and 9 in the Morning, the Deponent was informed, that the Queen was in Labour; the Deponent went to St. *James's* and waited in the Queen's Drawing-room till some of the Gentlemen told him he might go in; the Depo-

Deponent searched at the Door of the Bed-chamber, and finding no Answer, he ran down by the Garden side, and came to the Queen's Back-stairs, and finding the Dressing-room Door open, the Deponent went into the Queen's Bed-chamber, where he saw a great Number of Company, Lords and Ladies standing about the Bed: The Deponent heard the Queen cry out in great Pain, as Women use to do when they are near being brought to Bed; the Deponent heard her complain, and a Woman's Voice which the Deponent thought to be the Midwife, telling her, *She would be quickly well, for would be brought to Bed immediately*; within a little the Deponent heard the Ladies behind the Bed say, *The Queen was brought to Bed*, and the Queen cry out, *The Child is dead, I do not hear it cry*, and immediately the Child cried; within a little the Deponent saw a Woman bring a Child from within the Bed; the Deponent looked so earnestly at the Child, that he knew not what Woman it was; the Child was in the Condition of a new born Child, lapp'd up in loose Cloths; the Deponent saw him carried into the little Bed-chamber, and went about by the Dressing-room, and entred by the other Door into the Room where the Prince was, and saw

saw him in the Condition of a new Born Child; and the Deponent, by the Oath he hath taken, believes him to be the Queen's Child.

Melfort.
Sidney.
Lord Godolphin, *Lord Chamberlain to the Queen, deposeth,*

THat he was called into the Queen's Bed-chamber, with the rest of the Lords of the Council, being one of the last; and the Queen *Dowager* being there, and several Ladies, the Room was so full that the Deponent could not get near the Bed, but stood by the Chimney; there the Deponent heard the Queen cry out several times as Women use to do that are in Labour; and the last Cry that the Deponent heard, was much greater than the other; immediately upon that, the Deponent was called out of the Room, to give some Directions about the Lodgings that were preparing for the Child, which were not ready; the Deponent made haste back again, but as he was coming, he met People running with the News that the Queen was delivered of a Son, whereupon the Deponent went into the little Bed-chamber, and saw the Child.

Godolphin.
Sir Stephen Fox, *Knight, deposeth,*

THat on *Sunday* the 10th of *June* last past, about 9 of the Clock, as he came out of the Chappel at

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White-hall, after the first Sermon, hearing that the Queen was in Labour, he the Deponent made haste to St. *James's*, because in waiting, as an Officer of the Green Cloath, to warn the several Servants below Stairs to be in their Offices, that upon that Occasion there might not happen to be any thing wanting of Houshold Provisions and Necessaries under his this Deponent's Command; but first going up by the Back-stairs into her Majesty's Dressing-room, and being there with many others, he heard her Majesty cry out very loudly; whereupon this Deponent hastned to the *Green Cloth*, and ordered the several Servants to deliver out of their several Offices whatsoever should be called for, and as this Deponent was returning back to the Queen's said Dressing-Room, he was told, a Prince was born; upon which News, He, this Deponent, went into the Queen's Little Bed chamber, and saw the young Child before he was dress'd. *Sir. Fox. Lieutenant Colonel* Edward Griffin, *deposeth*,

THat upon *Sunday* the 10th of *June* last, he had the Honour to be in waiting upon the King with the Stick, and between 8 and 9 in the Morning, this Deponent was in the Queen's Dressing-room at St. *James's*,

James's with several Lords of the Council, and after some time we were there, the King came out of the Queen's Bed-chamber, and called all the Lords in, and this Deponent went in along with them, being in waiting; immediately after the said Lords and this Deponent were in the Room, the Queen cried out extreamly, and said, *Oh, I die; you kill me, you kill me*: And the Midwife (as this Deponent believeth) answered, *This our Pain, Madam, and will be over*: then presently Mrs. *Dawson* made to this Deponent the Sign that the Child was born: then this Deponent heard the Queen say, *Don't tell me what it is yet*: and Mrs. *Dawson* came to this Deponent and whisper'd him in the ear, *It's a Prince, but don't take notice of it yet.* Then Mrs. *Delabadie* brought away the Child from the Bed-side, and carryd it into the little Bed-chamber, and the King and the Lords of the Council went after her; but this Deponent did not follow them.

Edward Griffin.

Sir Charles Scarburgh, *First Physician to the King, deposeth,*

THat upon the Deponent's coming to visit her Majesty then lying at St. *James's* on *Sunday, June* 10. 1688. as the Deponent went up the Back-stairs, he heard the joyful Acclamation,

clamation, *That a Prince of Wales was born*: upon which the Deponent hastned presently in to the little Bed-chamber, where the Deponent found Mrs. *Labadie* just sitting down before the Fire, with the new-born Prince wrapt in the Mantles, lying in her Lap. Then passing to the Queen, in the next Bed-chamber, the Deponent congratulated the happy Birth of the Prince, and her Majesties safe Delivery. The Queen was weary'd and panting, but otherwise in good Condition. Then the *Midwife* brought to the Deponent the *After-birth* reeking warm, which Sir *Tho. Witherley* with the Deponent examined, and found very sound and perfect. After a while the Deponent understood that a Medicine was mention'd among the Ladies for a certain Remedy against Convulsions: It was some Drops of Blood from the Navel-string; the Deponent consulted Sir *Tho Witherley* and the other Physicians; and, to satisfie the Women, it was allow'd of; there being, as was conceived, no Danger in the thing. Whereupon the Midwife with a small Knife, slit the Navel-string beyond the Ligature, from which came some Drops of fresh Blood, taken in a Spoon and given the Child, mixt with a little *Blackberry water*. Thus much the Deponent hath to say upon her Majesties present Delivery.

Now for the *Time of the Queen's* Conception she often told the Deponent and others, that she had two Reckonings; One from *Tuesday* the 6th of *September*, when the King returned from his Progress to the Queen then at *Bath*; and the other from *Thursday* the 6th of *October*, when the Queen came to the King at *Windsor*, but for some reasons the Queen rather reckoned from the latter; tho afterward it prov'd just to agree with the former. Moreover her Majesty, when according to her Reckoning she was gone with Child 12 Weeks, said, *That she was Quick, and perceived the Child to move*; the Deponent returned no Answer to the Queen, but privately told those about her, that in truth it could not be in so short a time. Yet the Queen was in the right, only mistook her Reckoning; for she was then full 16 Weeks gone with Child, about which time she usually quickned with her former Children, and accordingly was brought to Bed on the 10th of *June* 1688 and within 3 or 4 days of full 40 Weeks.

Charles Scarburgh.

Sir Thomas Witherley, *second Physician to the King, deposeth,*

THat on *Sunday June* 10. the Deponent was present in the Queens Bed-Chamber when the Prince of

Wales

Wales was born; the Deponent saw Mrs. *Labadie* bring the Child from the Midwife, and carry him into the next Room; whither the Deponent followed her, and saw the Child before he was cleansed; and having a Command from the Queen, that there should be two Drops of Blood of the After-burthen given the first thing; we the Deponent and the other Physicians did take two Drops of Blood from the Navel-string which remained upon the Child, and gave it in a spoonful of *Blackcherry-water*, as the Queen commanded. After this the Deponent saw (as also did the other Physicians) the After-burthen entire.

Tho. Witherley.

Sir William Waldegrave, *her Majesties first Physician, deposeth,*

THat in the Progress of her Majesties being with Child, the Deponent having the Honour to wait upon her as usual, on *Febr.* 13. 1687 about 10 in the morning, she told the Deponent she had Milk in her Breasts which dropt out; it was then thought the 19*th* week, according to one Reckoning, but according to another Reckoning it was the 21*st* or 22*d* week. The Deponent also affirmeth, that her Majesty took such Astringent Medicines, during the most part of her being with Child, in order to avoid Miscarriage that if she had not been

with Child, they must have been of dangerous consequence. Upon June 10. 1688. the Deponent was call'd, in his Lodging in *Whitehall*, to wait on the Queen, being told she was in labour, upon which the Deponent went to St. *James's*, and so into the Queen's Bed-chamber, and found her beginning her Labour, it being about 8 of the Clock in the Morning; the Deponent stirr'd not from thence but to get such Medicines as were fit for her Majesty, and then return'd again, and was in the Bed-chamber when she cry'd out, and was deliver'd; the Deponent follow'd Mrs. *Delabadie*, who took the Prince in her Arms so soon as he was born, and carried him into the little Bed-chamber, where the Deponent saw him upon her Lap, and was by when he took two or three Drops of the Navel-string fresh warm Blood, which was mix'd with *Black Cherry Water*, then returned into the great Bed-chamber, where the Deponent saw the After-burthen fresh and warm.

* *William Waldegrave.*

Dr. Robert Brady, *one of his Majesty's Physicians in Ordinary, deposeth,*

THat a little before Ten of the Clock in the Morning, on the 10th of *June* 1688. the Deponent was

was in the Queen's little Bed-chamber at St. *James's*, where the Deponent saw the Prince of *Wales* in Mrs. *Labadie's* Lap by the Fire-side; the Deponent desired to see the Linen and Blankets opened in which he was wrapped; which being done, the Deponent saw it was a Male Child, and the Navel-string hanging down to, or below the Virile Parts, with a Ligature upon it, not far from the Body, but did not see any After-burthen, hanging at, or joining to it, not being at the Birth, the Deponent asked how long he had been born, the Standers by told him, *at three Quarters of an Hour after Nine of the Clock, the Queen was delivered.* *Robert Brady.*

James St. Amand, *their Majesties Apothecary, deposeth,*

THat from the beginning of *November* last, he hath generally every Day, till the 9th of *June* 1688. given, by the Physicans Orders, Restringent and Corroborating Medicines to the Queen's Majesty: that on the 10th of *June* he was sent for in haste to come to St. *James's* to her Majesty, who, the Messenger told him, *Was in Labour*: that the Deponent then received a Note from the Physicians for Medicines for her Majesty, which the Deponent was obliged to stay and prepare, and so

came not to St. *James*'s till the Queen was delivered; the Deponent meeting, just as he was going into the Bed-chamber, Mrs. *Luhadie* with the young Prince in her Arms; the King and several of the Lords, soon after following into the little Bed-chamber; where the Deponent saw the Child naked, before it was cleansed from the Impurities of its Birth; and also saw the Navel-string cut, and some Drops of fresh Blood received into a Spoon, which the Deponent mingled with a little *Black-Cherry-Water*, and saw given by the Physicians Orders to the Child; and afterwards going into the Great Bed-chamber, where the Queen was delivered, he saw the After-burthen, &c. fresh. *Ex. St. Amand.*

After these Depositions were taken, his Majesty was pleased to acquaint the Lords, That the Princess *Anne* of *Denmark* would have been present, but that she being with Child, and having not lately stirred abroad, could not come so far without Hazard. *Adding further*,

AND now, my Lords, altho' I did not question but every Person here present was satisfy'd before in this Matter; yet by what you have heard, you will be better able to satisfie others. Besides, if I and the Queen could be thought so wicked,

wicked, as to endeavour to impose a Child upon the Nation, you see how Impossible it would have been; neither could I my self have been imposed upon, having constantly been with the Queen during her being with Child, and the whole time of her Labour. And there is none of you but will easily believe me, who have suffered so much for Conscience sake, uncapable of so great a Villany to the Prejudice of my own Children. And I thank God, that those that know me, know well, that it is my Principle, *To do as I would be done by, for that is the Law and the Prophets*: And I would rather die a thousand Deaths, than do the least Wrong to any of my Children.

His Majesty further said,

IF any of my Lords think it necessary the Queen should be sent for, it shall be done. *But their Lordships not thinking it Necessary Her Majesty was not sent for.*

IT is order'd this Day by his Majesty in Council, That the several Declarations here before made by His Majesty, and her Majesty the Queen Dowager, together with the several Depositions here entred, be forthwith Enrolled in the Court of Chancery. And the Lord Chancellour is ordered to cause the same to be Enrolled accordingly.

IN Purſuance of which Order in Council, the Lord Chancellour, on *Saturday* the 17th day of *October* following, in the High Court of *Chancery* (many of the Nobility and Lords of his Majeſty's moſt Honourable Privy Council being there preſent) cauſed the aforeſaid Order of the Council and Declaration of his Majeſty, and likewiſe that of her Majeſty the Queen *Dowager* to be openly and diſtinctly read in Court, as the ſame are entred in the Words aforeſaid, in the Council Book. And the Lords and Ladies, and other Perſons who made the reſpective Depoſitions aforeſaid, being preſent in Court, were ſworn again, and having heard their ſeveral Depoſitions diſtinctly read in the Words aforeſaid, and being ſeverally interrogated by the Court to the Truth thereof, they all upon their Oaths affirmed their reſpective Depoſitions to be true; and did likewiſe depoſe (except ſome few, who came in late to the Council-Chamber, or ſome who ſtood at too great a Diſtance) that they heard his Majeſty, and her Majeſty the Queen *Dowager* make the ſeveral Declarations aforeſaid, and that the ſame as they had been read, were truly entred, as they did believe, in the Council Book, according to the Senſe, Intent and Meaning of what his Majeſty the King, and her Majeſty the Queen *Dowager* did then declare. And for as much as the Earl of *Huntingdon* and the Earl of *Peterborow*, who were able to depoſe to the Matters aforeſaid, had not been examined at the Council Board, but had brought their ſeveral Depoſitions in Writing, which they delivered into Court, the ſaid Lord Chancellour, after the ſaid Earls were ſeverally ſworn, ordered their Depoſitions to be openly read in theſe Words following.

Upon

UPon *Trinity Sunday*, the 10th of *June* 1688. I went to St. *James's* House about Nine a Clock in the Morning, and followed my Lord Chancellour, through the Lodgings to the Dressing-room, next to the Queen's Bed-chamber, where divers Lords of the Council were met upon Occasion of the Queen's being in Labour, the King came several times into the Room, and amongst other things was pleased to tell us, *That the Queen came exactly according to her first Reckoning*, which was from the King's Return from his Progress, to *Bath* in *September*, 1687. After this the Counsellours were ordered to come into the Bed-chamber, and I stood on that side of the Bed that had the Curtains drawn open, I heard her Majesty cry out several times I staid in the Room during the Birth of the Prince of *Wales*. I saw him carried into the little Bed-chamber, whither the King, the Lords and my self in particular did follow him.

Huntingdon.

I Had the Honour to be in the King's Chamber in the *Morning*, when Word was brought him, the Queen was not well, and followed him into the Dressing Room next her Majesty's Bed-chamber, where I staid till his Majesty called me to come in, which was about the beginning of her Pains. I confess the Compassion I had for her Majesty, hearing her Cries, made me stay there very uneasy; one of the last especially seemed to me so sharp, as it really forced me for a little time to stop my Ears with my Fingers to avoid hearing more of the like; when setting them at Liberty, I heard no more, but perceived a sudden Satisfaction in the Faces of the Assistants, several saying, *That the Queen was delivered*, and soon thereupon I saw the Prince brought from about

about the Bed, and carried into the little Bed-chamber, whither I went afterwards to behold him more particularly, where I saw him as a Child newly born.

Peterborow.

After which the said Earls did severally upon their Oaths affirm their Depositions to be true as they had been read, and that they were present in Council, and heard her Majesty the Queen *Dowager* make the several Declarations aforesaid, and that the same were entred in the Council Book as they did believe, according to the Effect, true Sense and Meaning of what their Majesties declared in Council, whereupon his Majesty's Attorney General moved the Court, that the said Declarations of his Majesty, and of her Majesty the Queen *Dowager*, and the several Depositions, and the Order of Council, should be Enrolled in the *Petty Bag* Office, and in the Office of Inrolments in the Court of *Chancery*, for the safe Preservation and Custody of them, which the Lord Chancellour ordered accordingly.

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